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JOINT STATE/AID MESSAGE

- 1. SIMILAR TO OTHER AID REGULATIONS AND POLICIES, NEW A.I.D. POLICY ON TYPES OF WEAPONS WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED FOREIGN POLICE ORGANIZATIONS WILL APPLY TO ALL FUTURE NARCOTICS PROGRAMS. EXCEPTIONS TO THIS POLICY FOR NARCOTICS CONTROL WILL REQUIRE CONSIDERATION ON CASE BY CASE BASIS FOLLOWING COUNTRY TEAM JUSTIFICATION. PROCUREMENT FOR WEAPONS UNDER NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAMS ON WHICH PROAG'S ALREADY SIGNED WILL PROCEED AS PLANNED.
- 2. IN INFORMING PRACHUB OF WASHINGTON DECISION ON POLICE PROCUREMENT, YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT FUNDS EQUIVALENT 608,000 DOLLARS PREVIOUSLY OBLIGATED FOR POLICE WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION ARE BEING REPROGRAMMED SECRET

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FOR THAI PROGRAM. REQUIREMENTS OF TNPD SPECIFICALLY

IN SUPPORT OF NARCOTICS PROJECTS SHOULD BE SEPARATE MATTER TO BE DEALT WITH IN PROCESS OF CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WITH TNPD ON ANTI-NARCOTICS PROJECT ACTIVITIES.

3. RE PARA. 7 REFTEL, DISCUSSIONS SHOULD NOT IMPLY OUR WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE A COMPLIMENTARY PACKAGE EQUIVALENT OR RELATED TO WHATEVER WE MAY EVENTUALLY OFFER BURMESE. BELIEVE OUR CONTINUING INTEREST MAY BE BEST CONVEYED BY CONTINUING DIALOGUE ON NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT MEASURES AND APPROPRIATE SUPPORT KEYED TO THAI EFFORTS. TO AVOID AROUSING EXPECTATIONS ALSO RECOMMEND ANY NEW PROPOSALS BE SUBMITTED TO WASHINGTON FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO DISCUSSION WITH RTG. ROGERS

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